

IV. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 16-29 are pending in the application. Claim 16 is independent.

Claims 1 - 15 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Cairns, Miller and Hu, for the reasons discussed on pages 2 - 4 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

The Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 16-29 were allowed. Therefore, while specifically traversing the art rejections, and preserving Applicants' right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims solely to secure immediate allowance of the allowed claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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